

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 are pending in this application.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0161], [0162], and [0181].

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,760,423 to Kamakura et al. ("Kamakura"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to recite additional features, as outlined above. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite a function layer that includes an organic luminescent layer. Claim 1 is further amended to recite "the second electrode having an oxygen concentration that increases continuously or stepwise from the interface in a thickness direction of the second electrode." Kamakura does not disclose or suggest these additional features, as recited in claim 1.

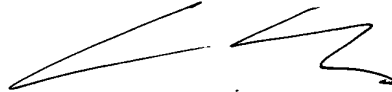
Kamakura discloses a double hetero structure 24-28. See Fig. 5. The Office Action asserts that this double hetero structure corresponds to a function layer. However, Kamakura's double hetero structure does not include an organic luminescent layer. Thus, Kamakura does not disclose or suggest the function layer recited in claim 1. Also, Kamakura does not disclose or suggest the feature "the second electrode having an oxygen concentration that increases continuously or stepwise from the interface in a thickness direction of the second electrode," as recited in claim 1. Thus, Kamakura does not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 1, and claims 2, 7 and 8 depending therefrom.

For at least the above reasons, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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